

33 FREDERICK STREET, LONDON WC1X 0NB

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

The Listed Building application relates to the lower maisonette (ground floor & basement) at 33 Frederick Street.



1. Site Analysis

33 Fredrick Street is a five-storey end of terrace property built during the first half of the 19th Century (c.1823-26) by Thomas Cubitt. It is Grade II listed and is in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. It is located at the junction of Frederick Street and Ampton Place. The front and flank elevations have a rendered ground floor storey and basement while the upper floors are stock brick with decorative rendered pilasters and entablature to the front. The flank elevation has a rendered portico and the main wall above is stock brickwork with sash windows on the first and second floors and casement window on third floor. The rear elevation is stock brickwork up to the parapet of the mansard slope of the top floor.

Extracts from 'Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy'
– Adopted 18 April 2011:

Calthorpe Street/Frederick Street.

This sub area is situated on the eastern edge of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, east of Gray's Inn Road, and abuts the boundary with the London Borough of Islington. It comprises an area of mainly terraced housing built on the Swinton and Calthorpe Estates to the east of Gray's Inn Road, an historic route dating back at least to Medieval times. It is one of the few parts of the Conservation Area that has a noticeable fall from west to east, being on the west side of King's Cross Road which follows the valley of the now culverted River Fleet. The northernmost part around Swinton Street was developed in the late 18th century following the construction of New Road (now Euston Road) and a small suburb to the north of this area around Battle Bridge. The remainder of the area was developed over the period 1820 to 1850 by the builder Thomas Cubitt who had his yard in this area. A notable pattern is the progression of development from west to east and the gradual variation in the detailed treatment of the frontages. In the 1860s the excavation for the new Metropolitan Railway cutting bisected Swinton Street and Acton Street towards their eastern end.

Most of the buildings in this area date from the 1820s to the 1840s, and were designed and built by Thomas and William Cubitt. 19th century development progressed from west to east, although there have been some areas of post-war redevelopment. There is slightly greater use of stucco render in these quieter streets. There is generally a grander, classical approach to the overall composition of elevations, which boast pilasters, pediments and projections, emphasising the design of the terrace as a single composition (particularly evident on Frederick Street). Several terraces in this area have entrance porticos at street level giving greater architectural significance, a feature not seen in the streets to the north.

The property is part of a portfolio of properties acquired by Community Housing Association in the 1970's in Frederick Street, Ampton Place and Ampton Street. 33 Frederick Street was converted into two self-contained maisonettes during the early/mid-1980s.

2. Development Objectives

One Housing Group is carrying out a series of repairs and improvements throughout the majority of their properties in the immediate vicinity (i.e. Frederick Street, Ampton Street and Ampton Place). Generally, the works consist of the essential renewal of the services (mechanical and electrical installations), kitchen fitting and bathrooms together with all other necessary repairs. Improvements to the internal layouts of the maisonettes, flats and bedsits may also be proposed on a property-by-property, unit-by-unit basis.

33 Frederick Street is one of several properties being upgraded within the fifth phase.

3. Design Solution and impact on heritage assets

Listed Building Consent and Full Planning Permission have been recently granted to carry out a number of internal and external alterations to the lower and upper maisonettes (application ref: 2016/0271/L, 2015/6753/P & 2016/1800/L).

The new Listed Building application seeks consent for the introduction of a damp-proofing dry-lining system to the existing damp basement brick walls.

Finding a method of damp-proofing that is effective and appropriate for this listed building and acceptable in conservation terms presented this challenge; how to repair an existing system where chemical injection with cement-based render installed in the 1980s is failing.

After much research and finally consulting the Building Research Establishment (BRE), the most authoritative and independent advisor on building construction in the country, their advice was that either the damp render should be hacked off (with the potential to damage to the underlying historic brickwork) and replastered, or a damp-resistant membrane should be applied over the damp render and finished with plasterboard dry lining. The latter is their preferred solution as it is the most effective and is also reversible.

Camden have previously been reluctant to agree to either method, but when it became clear from definitive advice from the BRE that there are no other solutions, the council agreed that the applied membrane with dry-lining would be acceptable in principle.

The proposed alteration will add only 28mm to the thickness of the wall so is minor and very discreet - existing splayed timber window reveals are to be carefully extended with 28mm thick shaped timbers finished with ogee architraves. It will not be noticeable from the street or the interior after completion and will therefore have no adverse impact on the listed building. It harms neither the building nor affects original features, is reversible and will positively contribute to the stock of housing in the area by improving the quality and standard of accommodation available.

4. Access

Not applicable.

5. Affect on neighbours

Not applicable.

6. Landscaping

Not applicable.

7. Appendix

English Heritage List Entry Summary for 33-49 Frederick Street.



List entry

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List entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: NUMBERS 33-49 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS

List entry Number: 1113048

Location

NUMBERS 33-49 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 33-49, FREDERICK STREET

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
Greater London Authority	Camden	London Borough	

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 25-Oct-1971

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

Legacy System Information

The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system.

Legacy System: LBS

UID: 477398

Asset Groupings

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List entry Description

Summary of Building

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

CAMDEN

TQ3082NE FREDERICK STREET 798-1/91/515 (South side) 25/10/71 Nos.33-49 (Odd) and attached railings

GV II

Terrace of 9 houses. c1823-26. By Thomas Cubitt. Yellow stock brick with stucco ground floors and 1st floor sill bands. Symmetrical terrace with projecting end bays. 3 storeys and basements. Projecting end bays (Nos 33-37 & 45-49): 1 window each. Round-arched ground floor openings except No.33 with segmental arched ground floor tripartite sash and entrance porch on return to Ampton Place. Doorways with panelled jambs, cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Sashes with margin lights. On each house, rising through the 1st and 2nd floors, pilasters with enriched capitals,

carrying an entablature and blocking course. Pilasters flank on the 1st floor 4-light windows with gauged brick segmental arch heads and cast-iron balconies; 2nd floor, tripartite sashes. Recessed central bay (Nos 39-43): 2 windows each. Round-arched ground floor openings. Doorways with panelled jambs, cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Sashes with margin lights. Upper floors with gauged brick flat arches to recessed sashes; 1st floor with cast-iron balconies. 1st floor of No.41 with console bracketed cornice. Stucco band beneath cornice and blocking course. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with urn finials to areas. (Survey of London: Vol. XXIV, King's Cross Neighbourhood, Parish of St Pancras IV: London: -1952: 64).

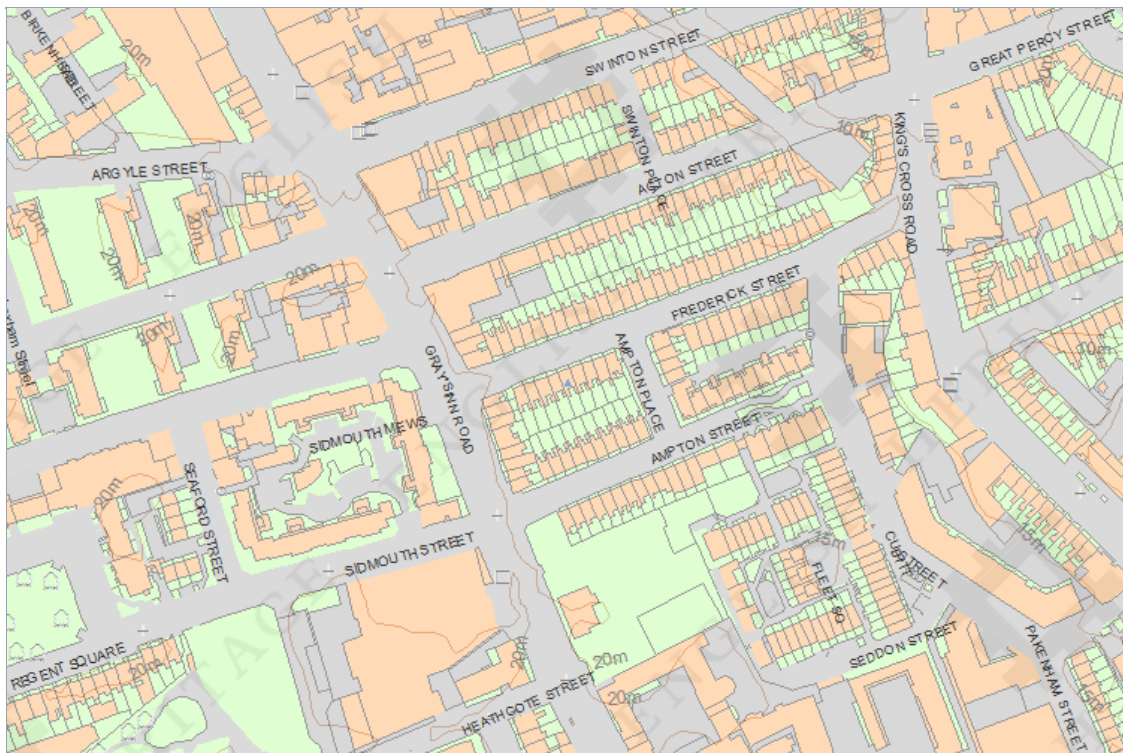
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Map



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